



## UN Mission for Ebola Emergency Response (UNMEER)

### External Situation Report

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**(This External Situation Report is the last one as UNMEER ceases to exist from 31 July 2015. Going forward, WHO will report on Ebola related content through a weekly interagency sitrep, which is being finalized)**

#### KEY POINTS

- The Secretary-General has announced the effective closure of UNMEER as of 31 July 2015.
- There have been no confirmed EVD cases reported in the first 4 days this week (Monday-Thursday). Guinea has recorded only one Ebola case in the last nine days.
- Sierra Leone lists more than 500 people as contacts linked to the EVD case in Tonkolili, which was reported on 24 July.
- The High Level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises will be traveling to the region from 2 to 6 August.

#### Key Political and Economic Developments

1. The High Level Panel on Global Response to Health Crises will travel to the region from 2 to 6 August and visit the three most-affected countries. The High Level Panel – led by Tanzanian President Kikwete – will hold wide consultations with government, UN, NGO and the private sector, with a view to making recommendations on how to strengthen national and international systems to prevent and manage future health crises. These recommendations will take into account lessons learned from the response to the outbreak of Ebola virus disease.

#### Response Efforts and Health

2. In a statement made public today, Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon informed on the closure of UNMEER from 31 July 2015 and that from 01 August, oversight of the UN system's Ebola emergency response will transition fully from UNMEER to WHO, under the direct authority of the WHO Director-General. He further stated that WHO would coordinate efforts to reach and sustain zero cases in the region. [The full statement is available here.](#)
3. In total, 27,748 confirmed, probable and suspected cases of Ebola have been reported in the three most affected countries with 11,279 as of 26 July, according to WHO.
4. WHO indicated that there have been no confirmed EVD cases reported in the first 4 days this week (Monday -Thursday). However there are still over 2000 contacts being monitored in the three countries.
5. In Sierra Leone, more than 500 people have been identified as contacts in connection with the new confirmed case (which was reported on 24 July) from Tonkolili district, where no EVD had been recorded in over five months. Among the contacts, five are considered at high risk while 24 low to medium risk contacts are in quarantine.
6. To ensure detection of EVD, the Liberian Ministry of Health has called for a strengthened national policy on dead body swabbing. 759 out of the available 3,325 swab kits have been distributed to 8 counties for further distribution to health facilities. Funeral homes continue to

be monitored for systematic body swabbing. A further containment measure includes enhanced follow up of survivors.

7. Guinea continues to register progress with only one reported case of Ebola over the past nine days. Efforts to find missing contacts are intensifying and have resulted in the identification of six missing contacts.

### **Logistics**

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- For regular logistics operational information please visit : <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14>

### **Resource Mobilisation**

- The Ebola Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund currently has USD 150 million in commitments.
- The OCHA Ebola Virus Outbreak Overview of Needs and Requirements, now totalling USD 2.27 billion, has been funded for USD 1.57 billion, which is around 69% of the total ask.
- All humanitarian partners, including donors and recipient agencies, are encouraged to inform OCHA's Financial Tracking Service (<http://fts.unocha.org>) of their contributions via the e-mail address: [fts@un.org](mailto:fts@un.org).

### **Outreach and Education**

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### **Essential Services**

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### **Upcoming Events**

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### **Attachments and resources**

- Reliefweb: [Maps on the EVD response.](#)